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Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:
(ED)

AN ACT CONCERNING AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10-16x of the 2006 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective July 1, 2006*):

4 (a) The Department of Education, in consultation with the after
5 school committee established pursuant to section 10-16v, [may] shall,
6 within available appropriations, administer a grant program to
7 provide grants for after school programs to local and regional boards
8 of education, municipalities and not-for-profit organizations that are
9 exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue
10 Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code
11 of the United States, as from time to time amended, to help finance and
12 meet the needs for quality programs and activities for enrichment and
13 education, with attention to literacy, mathematics, science, technology,
14 workforce skills and opportunities, safety, health, nutrition, arts and
15 recreation. For purposes of this subsection, "after school program"
16 means a program that takes place when school is not in session and is
17 for the educational, enrichment and recreational activities for of

18 children in grades kindergarten to twelve, inclusive.

19 (b) Grants pursuant to subsection (a) of this section may be used as
20 (1) implementation grants to provide out-of-school time programming
21 for children in grades kindergarten to twelve, inclusive, (2) planning
22 and coordination grants to allow communities to develop and
23 implement a strategic plan to address the supply, quality and unmet
24 need for after school programs, or (3) state-wide grants to provide
25 professional development training and technical assistance to local
26 programs to improve program quality, enhance coordination and
27 maximize resources for after school programs and develop public
28 education and awareness strategies.

29 ~~[(b)]~~ (c) Applications for grants pursuant to subsection (a) of this
30 section shall be filed annually with the Commissioner of Education at
31 such time and in such manner as the commissioner prescribes.

32 (d) The Department of Education may expend an amount not to
33 exceed two per cent of the amount appropriated for purposes of this
34 section for administrative expenses.

35 (e) A recipient of a grant provided in accordance with this section
36 may implement a sliding fee scale for the costs of services provided to
37 children enrolled in an after school program supported by the grant.

38 (f) The Department of Education and the after school committee
39 established pursuant to section 10-16v shall develop and apply
40 appropriate evaluation procedures to measure the effectiveness of the
41 grant program established pursuant to this section.

42 (g) The Department of Education shall, no later than January 1,
43 2007, and biennially thereafter, report to the joint standing committee
44 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
45 education, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, on the
46 benefits and effects on children participating in programs that received
47 grants pursuant to this section.

48 [(c)] (h) For purposes of carrying out the provisions of [subsections
49 (a) and (b) of] this section, the Department of Education may accept
50 funds from private sources and from any state agency that is a member
51 of the after school committee.

52 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2006*) The sum of five million dollars is
53 appropriated to the Department of Education, from the General Fund,
54 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, for the purposes of carrying
55 out the provisions of section 10-16x, of the 2006 supplement to the
56 general statutes, as amended by this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	10-16x
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To expand grant programs for after school programs.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]